

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, as amended, remain herein.

Minor, editorial changes have been made in claims 1-12.

The specification has been edited to remove references to the claims and to make self-evident changes.

1. The drawings were criticized. Submitted herewith are copies of Figures 1 and 2 revised to include a Prior Art legend.

2. Claims 1 to 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Kang U.S. Patent 6,552,973. The rejection is traversed.

The presently claimed optical disk device includes a control section for controlling track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk recording medium, wherein the control section is for measuring an offset amount of a lens relative to the center of the pickup, and for performing a track jump when the measured offset amount is not greater than a predetermined

value. This arrangement and corresponding method are nowhere disclosed or suggested in the cited references.

It is alleged in the Office Action that Kang '973 discloses a method for determining a "jump start point", said to correspond to applicant's method for determining the "effecting kicking" (as originally recited), which means performing a track jump operation. The reference teaches neither applicant's device nor applicant's method.

Kang '973 uses a calculation different than the calculation claimed by applicant to start the track jump operation for moving the lens from a given track to an inner track during a track hold operation, i.e., to define the point on the eccentric revolution of the disk at which the kicking operation begins. Kang '973 calculates a tracking error signal from a low frequency component of the output of the photodetector, in contrast with applicant's control section for measuring an offset amount of the lens relative to the center of the pickup holding the lens, and for initiating the track jump operation when that offset is not greater than a predetermined value (claim 1); not performing tracking processing until the offset - 1
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amount is not greater than a predetermined value (claim 3); or performing the measurement a plurality of times and reducing the offset amount each time of the measurements to a predetermined value within a predetermined range (claim 4).

For the foregoing reasons, Kang '973 fails to disclose all elements of applicant's claimed invention, and therefore is not a proper basis for rejection under §102. Claims 2 and 6, which depend from claim 1, are allowable for the same reasons given above for the allowance of claim 1, claim 5 which depends from claim 4, is allowable for the same reasons that claim 4 is allowable; claims 8 and 12, which depend from claim 7, are allowable for the same reasons given for allowance of claim 7; and claim 11, which depends from claim 10, is allowable for the same reasons described herein for claim 10. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

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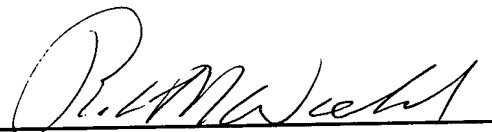
All claims 1-12 are now proper in form and patentably distinguished over all grounds of rejection stated in the Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of all claims 1-12 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicant would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicant's undersigned representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: 2 annotated sheets showing changes-Figs. 1 and 2
2 replacements sheets-Figs. 1 and 2

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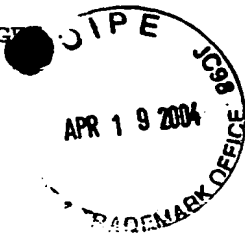
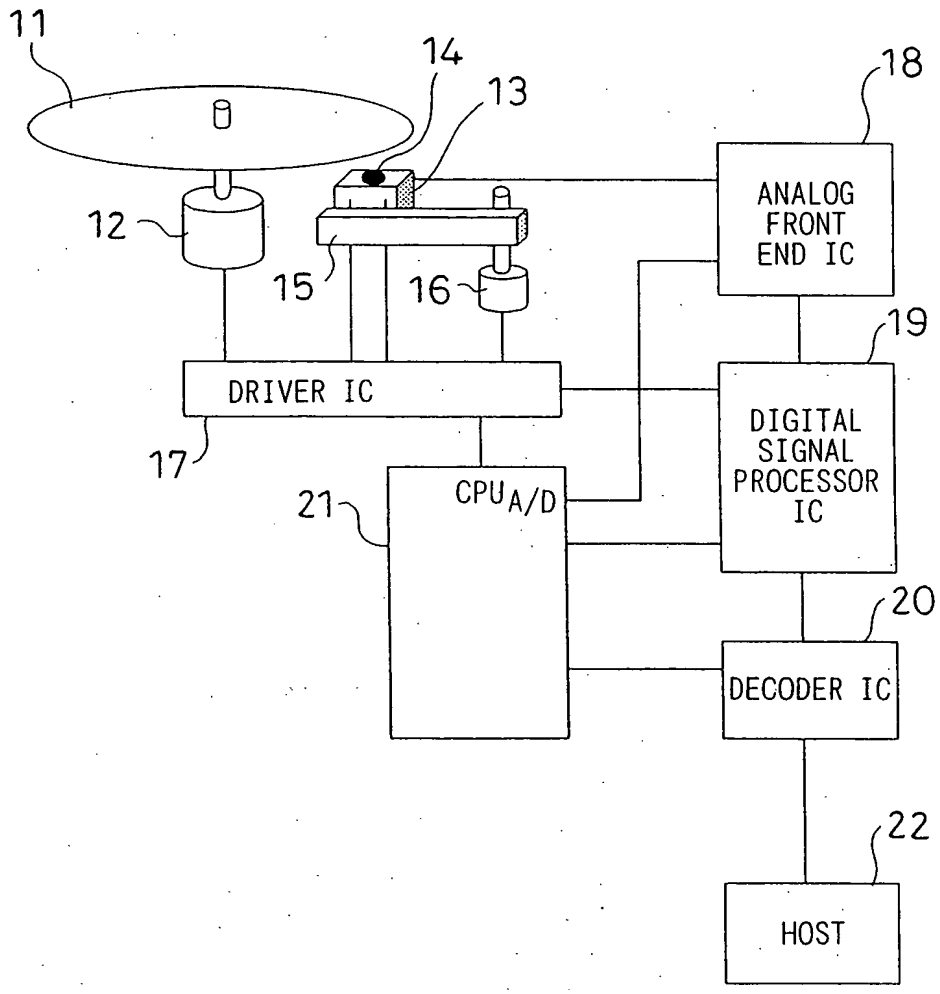


FIG. 1
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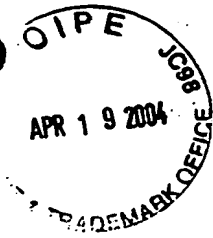


FIG. 2
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